

CLAIMS

We Claim:

1. An apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window track weep holes, comprising:

a flexible tube having a predetermined diameter substantially the same as the window track and a predetermined length at least as long as the window track; and

a filling in the tube to fill and shape the tube to substantially conform to a shape of the window track,

wherein the filled tube that is placed in the window track to seals the window track weep holes to prevent pests from intruding into the interior of a building though the window track weep holes and the like.

2. The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 1, wherein the tube comprises at least one of cloth, non-woven spun fabric, plastic, paper, rubber, and metal.

3. The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 1, wherein the filling includes at least one of

water, gel, polyethylene pellets, pinto beans, flax seed, cotton, polyester, potpourri, and shredded newspaper.

4. The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 1, further comprising:

scenting means, attached to the tube, for receiving a scented oil, such that when the tube is placed in the window track, sunlight releases scent from the scented oil.

5. The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 1 wherein the scenting means further comprises:

a sewn-in absorbent strip attached to a surface of the tube of absorbing the scented oil.

6. The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 5 wherein the scenting means further comprises:

an absorbent foam material provided beneath the sewn-in absorbent strip to absorb and hold excess scented oil.

7. The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 1 wherein the fill material further includes insect repellant chemicals to ward off insects in an active manner.

8. The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 1, wherein the tube is provided with a reclosable opening to allow a consumer to put potpourri into the tube such that a potpourri scent is released when the tube is placed in a window track.

9. The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 1, further comprising:

at least one interchangeable slip-cover which may be slid over the tube to change the aesthetic character of the apparatus.

10. The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 1, further comprising:

an add-on character figure having a character figure portion representing a predetermined character, and tubular portion slidable over the tube such that when the add-on character figure

is displayed in the window when the tube is placed in a window track.

11. The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 1, wherein the tube is sufficiently flexible to be folded back onto itself, and the filler is sufficiently pliant to allow it to be moved within the tube such that if the window track is shorter than tube the filler may be re-distributed to one end of the tube and an empty end of the tube folded onto itself and placed underneath the tube in the open window track.

12. A method for preventing pest intrusion through window track weep holes, comprising the steps of:

providing an apparatus comprising a flexible tube having a predetermined diameter substantially the same as the window track and a predetermined length at least as long as the window track,

filling the tube with a filling to fill and shape the tube to substantially conform to a shape of the window track, and

placing the filled tube that is placed in the window track to seal the window track weep holes to prevent pests from intruding into the interior of a building through the window track weep holes and the like.

13. The method for preventing pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 12, wherein the tube comprises at least one of cloth, non-woven spun fabric, plastic, paper, rubber, and metal.

14. The method for preventing pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 12, wherein the filling includes at least one of water, gel, polyethylene pellets, pinto beans, flax seed, cotton, polyester, potpourri, and shredded newspaper.

15. The method for preventing pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:

placing a scented oil on a predetermined portion of the tube, such that when the tube is placed in the window track, sunlight releases scent from the scented oil.

16. The method for preventing pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 12 wherein step of placing a scented oil on a predetermined portion of the tube comprises the step of placing a scented oil on a sewn-in absorbent strip attached to a surface of the tube for absorbing the scented oil.

17. The method for preventing pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 5 wherein the step of placing a scented oil on a predetermined portion of the tube comprises the step of placing a scented oil on an absorbent foam material provided beneath the sewn-in absorbent strip to absorb and hold excess scented oil.

18. The method for preventing pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 12 wherein the fill material further includes insect repellant chemicals to ward off insects in an active manner.

19. The method for preventing pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 12, further comprising the step of placing potpourri into the tube such that a potpourri scent is released when the tube is placed in a window track.

20. The method for preventing pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 12, further comprising the step of placing at least one interchangeable slip-cover over the tube to change the aesthetic character of the method.

21. The method for preventing pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 12, further comprising the step of attaching an add-on character figure having a character figure portion representing a predetermined character, and tubular portion slidable over the tube such that when the add-on character figure is displayed in the window when the tube is placed in a window track.

22. The method for preventing pest intrusion through window weep holes of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:  
redistributing the filler may be to one end of the tube,  
folding an empty end of the tube folded onto itself, and  
placing the empty end of the tube underneath the tube in the open window track so that the tube, when folded provides an apparatus substantially the same length as the window track.